

## TIERNANS EXPLAIN MOTIVE IN STRANGE PATERNITY ACTION

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third born child, in jail but also brought about a public hearing which has stirred the country.

Publicly, Prof. Tiernan believes, is the mighty weapon through which morals are to be kept at a high standard. Through the medium of publicity, this university teacher and author of legal text books believes a betrayer of a woman may be expelled from a community and the minds of people raised to such a pinnacle that the issue of a debating union shall not suffer.

"I do not represent myself in this case," he said, "but the unfortunate child. Even if I have to carry this battle to the point of community action, I shall see that justice is done. I shall invoke the influence of friends with a view of expelling the invader of the home from the community. He is not only a standing challenge but a menace to the community. He must be exposed thoroughly that the wronged woman may be comforted and the child acknowledged."

It is from Mrs. Tiernan, however, that one learns of the trials that have beset her, and in these trials she says there is a lesson for all young married couples.

"Sometimes," she explained today, "although young husbands love their wives devotedly they are likely to give to their work a more apparent devotion than they concede to their helpmates. Or perhaps they have interests that require attention to the exclusion of the young wife. Naturally, a young wife feels pique when this is the case, and unless she is more than ordinarily strong of will she will seek amusement elsewhere."

Mrs. Tiernan called attention to those young wives who feel they are undergoing a period of semi-imprisonment in a home where they meet only the same people day after day, where they go through the same old routine of baking, cooking, making beds and polishing furniture, and feel they are entitled to a little relaxation. Their husbands, not being socially inclined, or because they have their clubs and their men friends down town, as well as the ever present change in the occupations, fail to realize the danger in which their wives are placed when they meet young men who seem to take a more than ordinary interest in them.

"Women," said Mrs. Tiernan, "will naturally seek the company of men who interest them more than their husbands do, and who can give them the amusements their husbands cannot or will not give."

"Perhaps they love their husbands as devotedly as ever, but perhaps they do not realize it until some sort of calamity brings the realization home to them."

In this case, supporting the theories advanced by the Tiernans, is the well-grounded fact that at no time has an effort been made to force Harry Poulin to pay over a large sum of money. The only financial demand has been for the provision of a small fund to meet expenses incurred at the birth of the child, and this, it is stated, is done only for technical reasons.

Another argument in support of their position is the continuance of their marital relations. During the days of the hearing, Prof. Tiernan has been as devoted to his wife as a bridegroom. She, in turn, has shown her love for him by rising from her chair inside the bar to attack the lawyer who inferred that her husband was himself a violator of the moral code.

"There is every probability that the past will be forgotten," said Prof. Tiernan, "and that we will begin life anew with our interest in our children and home."

The baby in the case, he infers, will remain as one of the family and will be educated and raised as will the other two children.

## LINER IN BAD GALE ESCAPES ICEBERGS IN TITANIC'S LANE

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superstructure doors fastened to keep passengers safely within.

A wireless message from the Red Star steamship Zealand, bound for Antwerp, gave Capt. Brevet word of the icebergs off the Banks, so a sharp lookout was kept, but none was picked up.

Among the Lafayette's 422 passengers were Mr. and Mrs. W. Bourke Cockran. He declared none of the voyagers had any idea until hours later that the vessel had passed through a hurricane.

"We rolled about a good deal," he said, "and we were kept off the decks, but had no knowledge of so severe a storm as Capt. Brevet and his officers declared it to have been."

Mr. Cockran had two audiences with the Pope while attending the Eucharistic Congress in Rome. He said he had nothing to say about politics but that he was going to attend the convention at Syracuse. Judge Martin T. Stanton went to the pier to meet Mr. Cockran.

Wireless report that the Cunarders Aquitania, due here on Friday, had run into a heavy storm, piling great waves on her decks, occasioned no apprehension to-day at the offices of the line. No message had been received from her that indicated she was encountering unusual weather.

There are 1,875 passengers on the Aquitania, among them Sir Reginald McKenna, former British Chancellor of the Exchequer; Sir Claude Hill and Oliver Isaacs.

## MOTHER ACCUSED OF HITTING TEACHER

Parent Says Son Told Her an Instructor Struck Him.

Because her son said he had been struck by Miss Margaret Coffin, a teacher in Public School No. 112, 16th Avenue and 71st Street, in the Lefferts Park section of Brooklyn, last Thursday, Mrs. Rose Andriolo, of No. 741 15th Avenue, went to the school house and, it is alleged, struck the teacher. Mrs. Andriolo was arraigned before Magistrate Reynolds to-day and paroled until Oct. 2, for examination for disorderly conduct.

Complainants in the case were Isaac Biebert of No. 555 West 164th Street, Manhattan, Principal of the school, and Miss Coffin, 1305 37th Street, in the Lefferts Park section.

They told the Magistrate that Mrs. Andriolo entered Miss Coffin's classroom and, on being forcibly ejected, she struck Miss Coffin.

Mrs. Andriolo declared her son Joseph, eight, came home with his eye cut and a lump on his head received, he told her, when a teacher had struck him. His mother asserted she did not strike Miss Coffin.

## TEN THOUSAND PRAY FOR RAIN AND GET IT

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—Ten thousand Christian Chinese troops and thousands of other Chinese gathered in Honan Province in a monster open-air prayer meeting for rain, according to representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church working in China. Two hours after the meeting closed a heavy rain fell, the missionaries report.

## SLAIN RECTOR SEEN LEAVING PARSONAGE ON NIGHT OF MURDER

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said they had made thorough inquiries on George Street, have insisted that nobody saw Mr. Hall after he called to his wife as he was going out of the front door of his home

saying he was going to the church to look into the matter of Mrs. Mills' hospital bills, which had been assumed temporarily by the emergency fund of the church.

On this was based the assumption now proved false by the Reeds, that he must have gone around to the back of his house and rather furtively made his way by Redmond Street to the trolley line.

Mr. Stricker said no papers had been found in the Hall home or in the church which appeared to have any bearing on the case. Every effort is being made, he said, to learn the number on the works of the old-fashioned watch belonging to Hall which has disappeared. It is thought Hall may have been robbed of the watch before or after he was shot.

James Mills, sexton of the church and husband of the murdered choir singer, added a little information to-day as to what he has said of his own movements after his wife left home for the last time. He admitted she had been wearing a new dress, saying he had forgotten the dress until reminded of it yesterday, but said her shoes and stockings were shabby and her shoulders covered with an old scarf and he didn't regard her as "dressed up."

"I remained on the steps of the house making flower boxes for the church until it was dark," he said. "Then I went in and read a newspaper for a while. At 11 o'clock I went over to the church to open the windows to air it; no, it wasn't an unusual time for that. I got back home at 11:15 o'clock and after talking with Mrs. Kelly downstairs and telling her Mrs. Hall was out I lay down to read."

"I fell asleep and waked at 2 o'clock. I went over to the church, thinking perhaps Mrs. Mills had gone there to meditate. She had moody spells, when she would sit by herself in the dark. Not finding her, I returned home and went to bed, putting out the kitchen light."

"I assumed Mrs. Mills had gone out driving with the Halls and their car had broken down. I still thought the same thing next morning. I attended to my work in the Lord Street School, went over to the church and then saw Mrs. Hall."

"I don't know why I asked Mrs. Hall if she thought there had been an elopement. I had thought Mrs. Mills was with Mrs. Hall and she wasn't—that was all."

Mr. Mills said he knew of his wife's visit to the office of Dr. Hasbrouck, the dental surgeon, Aug. 29, and was very grateful to the minister for having taken her. He said Mrs. Mills, with his knowledge, had accompanied Mr. Hall to New York to see the last

appearance of Pavlova. He was utterly unable to remember the occasion when, according to their neighbor, Miss Mills Opie, Mrs. Mills had declared she thought more of Mr. Hall's little finger than of her husband's whole body. He admitted it was "the sort of thing she might say."

Inquiries to determine what disposition was made by the Rev. Dr. Edward Wheeler Hall of his money and securities occupied the prosecutors of Middlesex and Somerset Counties to-day.

Prosecutors Stricker and Beekman have not been able to find out just what resources in bank the minister had apart from his wife's income which they understand he handled for her in large part. They do know that under his mother-in-law's will a year ago he received \$10,000 in easily negotiable securities he is understood to have put in a safe deposit vault.

If these securities were drawn on and sold it would indicate to the authorities that they are on the right track in their belief that the rector and the choir singer were contemplating an elopement to Japan immediately, as one of the sisters of Mrs. Mills has told them.

If Mr. Hall had \$10,000 and other cash on his person when he was shot down it is not inconsistent with the plot of the murders as so far reconstructed. The money should be taken by those most strongly under suspicion; they were stirred to action and to murderous frenzy by the knowledge that the Rev. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills might disappear at any time with large sums of money in their possession and their first thought after the orgy of killing had left them in a daze of realization of their crime, that the small fortune in money must not be left with the abandoned bodies of their victims to be stolen by chance prowlers who happened on their bodies.

The absence of the money would also give support to a contention that the slaying was the work of robbers or blackmailers who had met with resistance when they met their demands.

Besides a survey of the slain rector's finances, Mr. Stricker and Mr. Beekman will discuss to-day, applying for permission to take up the body of Mrs. Mills for an adequate autopsy, which had not been performed when she was buried.

In seeking information regarding Mr. Hall's \$10,000 inheritance the prosecutors questioned Henry Stevens, a brother of Mrs. Hall, who appeared before them voluntarily yesterday afternoon. At their request he visited his sister and came back with the answer: "I have no knowledge that my husband withdrew any securities from the bank."

He added that Mrs. Hall felt confident that the securities were in no way connected with the case and that mystery.

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